UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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JOSHUA ADAM SCHULTE,

Defendant.

MOTION TO COMPEL THE MCC TO DELIVER ALL COURT CORRESPONDENCE AND LEGAL MAIL PROMPTLY

Joshua Adam Schulte Slave #79471054 Metropolitan Concentration Camp (MCC) 150 Park Row NY, NY 10007

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I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Joshua Adam Schulte respectfully moves this court to order the MCC to deliver all court correspondence and legal mail promptly. Ever since the imposition of Special Administrative Measures (SAMs) on November 1, 2018, the MCC has delayed all court correspondence and legal mail for months, presumably to send it to the FBI. This delay is obstructing Mr. Schulte's right of access to the courts because it effectively prevents him from accessing the courts at all; motions and letters fail to reach Mr. Schulte in a timely manner to allow him to meet court deadlines. Appeals and motions have even been thrown out due to the MCC's meddling.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The MCC's deliberate delay of court correspondence and legal mail mostly went unnoticed until Mr. Schulte filed a civil case in the spring of 2019; *Schulte v. Attorney General of the United, et al.*, 19-CV-3346 (S.D.N.Y. 2019, Crotty, J). The MCC delivered mail delayed by months, but did not document the delays. Initial mail delays were noted on the envelope by Mr. Schulte, but since the MCC did not document the delivery of this mail, there can be no verification from the MCC. However, as the delays persisted, Mr. Schulte requested the 10S Unit Manager to sign and date all mail when delivered to Mr. Schulte. The following are some of the documented proof of deliberate mail delays by the MCC.

9/23/19: Court of Appeals requests Notice of Appearance by 10/1/19; received **16** days later on 10/9/19, after deadline already expired. See Ex. A.

10/24/19: Court of Appeals; received 26 days later on 11/19/19. See Ex. B.

11/4/19: AUSA motion in opposition; received <u>15</u> days later on 11/19/19, after deadline to file motion in Reply; forced to file extra motion for permission to file late. See Ex. C.

12/5/19: Court of Appeals requests cure defective document by 1/4/19; received **28 days later** on 1/2/20, 2 days before deadline. Results in motion stricken from the record. See Ex. D.

1/31/20: Court of Appeals requests cure defective document by 2/21/20; received <u>38</u> days later on 3/10/21, after deadline already expired. Results in motion stricken from the record. See Ex. E.

2/26/20: Court of Appeals Strike Order (see above); received <u>25</u> days later on 3/23/20. See Ex. F.

3/20/20: Court of Appeals; received 48 days later on 5/7/20. See Ex. G.

4/2/20: Court of Appeals; received 35 days later on 5/7/20. See Ex. H.

4/9/20: Court of Appeals; received 28 days later on 5/7/20. See Ex. I.

9/11/20: Federal Defenders critical legal documents; received <u>61 days later</u> on 11/11/21. See Ex. J.

9/26/20: United States Attorney's Office; received by MCC 3 days later on 9/29/20, but not delivered to Mr. Schulte until <u>46</u> days later on 11/11/20. See Ex. K.

9/28/20: district court; received by MCC 2 days later on 9/30/20, but not delivered to Mr. Schulte until 44 days later on 11/11/20. See Ex. L.

10/5/20: Supreme Court; received 37 days later on 11/11/20. See Ex. M.

10/5/20: Bureau of Prisons BP-10 denial; received by MCC 4 days later on 10/9/20, but not delivered to Mr. Schulte until <u>37</u> days later on 11/11/20, after deadline to file appeal. Results in dismissed administrative remedy. See Ex. N.

10/5/20: Supreme Court; received by MCC 4 days later on 10/9/20, but not delivered to Mr. Schulte until <u>37</u> days later on 11/11/20. See Ex. O.

10/29/20: United States Attorney's Office; received <u>27</u> days later on 11/25/20. See Ex. P.

12/7/20: district court; received 44 days later on 1/20/21. See Ex. Q.

3/16/21: Court of Appeals requests Notice of Appearance by 3/30/21; received <u>37</u> days later on 4/22/21, after deadline already expired. See Ex. R.

- 3/25/21: Federal Defenders critical legal documents; received <u>41</u> days later on 5/5/21. See Ex. S.
 - 4/2/21: district court; received 33 days later on 5/5/21. See Ex. T.
- 4/2/21: United States Attorney's Office; received <u>33</u> days later on 5/5/21. See Ex. U.
- 4/6/21: Court of Appeals requests Notice of Appearance by 4/27 or else Appeal will be dismissed; received **29 days later** on 5/5/21, after deadline already expired. **RESULTS IN DISMISSAL OF ENTIER APPEAL.** See Ex. V.
- 5/25/21: Court of Appeals requests cure defective motion to reinstate by 6/10/21; received <u>20</u> days later on 6/14/21, after deadline already expired.

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 - 6/10/21: district court; received 11 days later on 6/21/21. See Ex. X.
- 6/10/21: Court of Appeals requests Notice of Appearance by 6/24/21; received 11 days later on 6/21/21, 3 days before deadline. See Ex. Y.
 - 6/17/21: district court; received 20 days later on 7/7/21. See Ex. Z.
- 7/1/21: Court of Appeals requests Notice of Appearance by 7/22/21 or else Appeal will be dismissed; received <u>20</u> days later on 7/21/21, *1 day before deadline*. Result unknown. See Ex. AA.

III. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE COURTS

It is well established that prisoners have a constitutional right to access the courts. *Bounds v. Smith*, 430 US 817, 821 (1977). "The right of access to the courts requires that prisoners defending against criminal charges or convictions (either directly or collaterally) or challenging the conditions of their confinement... not be impeded from presenting those defenses and claims for formal adjudication by a court." *Bourdon v. Loughren*, 386 F.3d 88, 96 (2d Cir. 2004).

Over the past three years, the MCC has deliberately obstructed Mr. Schulte's right of access to the courts by delaying all mail to Mr. Schulte by months. Out of the 27-letter sample size over the past 3 years, the MCC delays mail from the courts on an average of 31.4 days with a standard deviation of 12.1. The mode is 37 days, median is 33 days, and longest delay was 61 days. Delaying mail from this court for months effectively denies Mr. Schulte access to the courts because he cannot meet court deadlines or readily engage in the litigation; indeed, the litigation will be unnecessarily delayed and Mr. Schulte unduly prejudiced.

The MCC's arguments for delaying mail are baseless and absurd. Special Administrative Measures were imposed on Mr. Schulte with the purported goal of preventing him from communicating classified information to others (despite him never doing so). However, it is *impossible* for Mr. Schulte to transmit classified information to others by RECEIVING MAIL from this court. Hence, this restriction is not related to a legitimate governmental objective. Furthermore, the MCC does not open, inspect, or delay court and legal mail from other inmates—it is imposed arbitrarily upon Mr. Schulte and other SAMs inmates. Accordingly, the MCC's inspection and delay of court and legal mail fails the *Bell v. Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520 (1979), test and is unconstitutional.

RELIEF REQUESTED

- 1.) Mr. Schulte requests the Court issue an injunction compelling the MCC to deliver all court correspondence and legal mail (to include, *inter alia*, the district courts, courts of appeals, supreme court, United States Attorney's office, Standby Counsel) promptly and without inspection to Mr. Schulte.
- 2.) Mr. Schulte requests that the MCC document when it receives and delivers legal mail to Mr. Schulte through log books and established process that it already uses for legal mail. This process includes documenting the date the legal mail is received and the date the legal mail is delivered to Mr. Schulte accompanied by both Mr. Schulte's signature and the deliverer's signature.
- 3.) Any delays of court correspondence or legal mail exceeding 3 days after the MCC receives the mail should require the MCC to write the Court and explain the reason for the delay.

IV. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, the Court should grant the requested relief.

Dated: New York, New York August 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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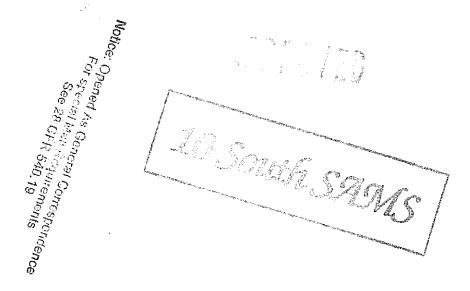


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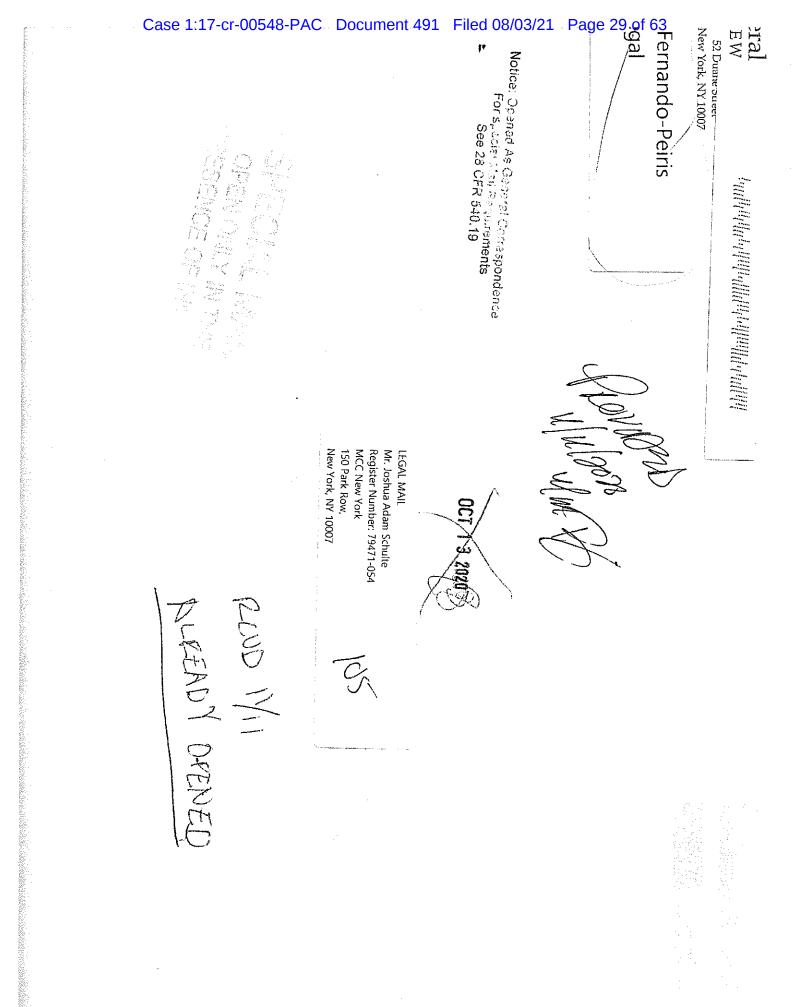


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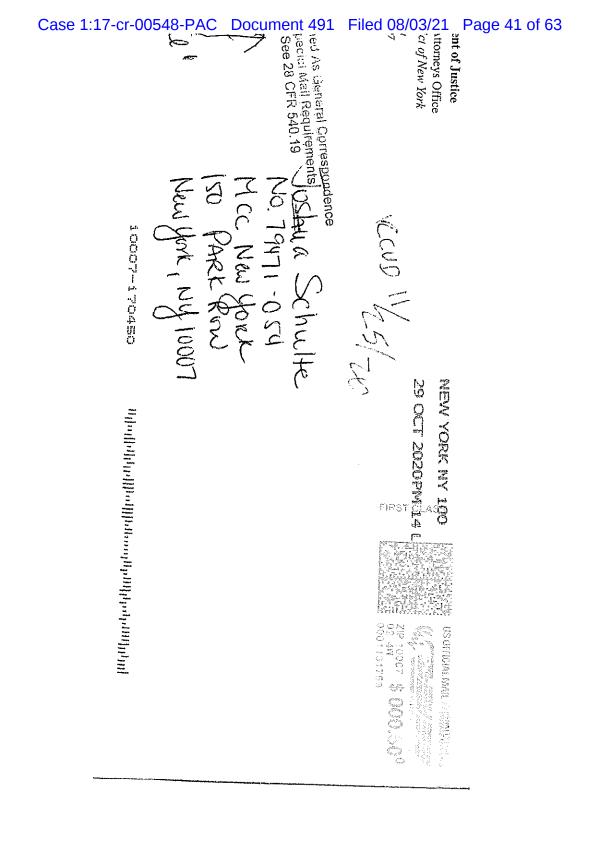


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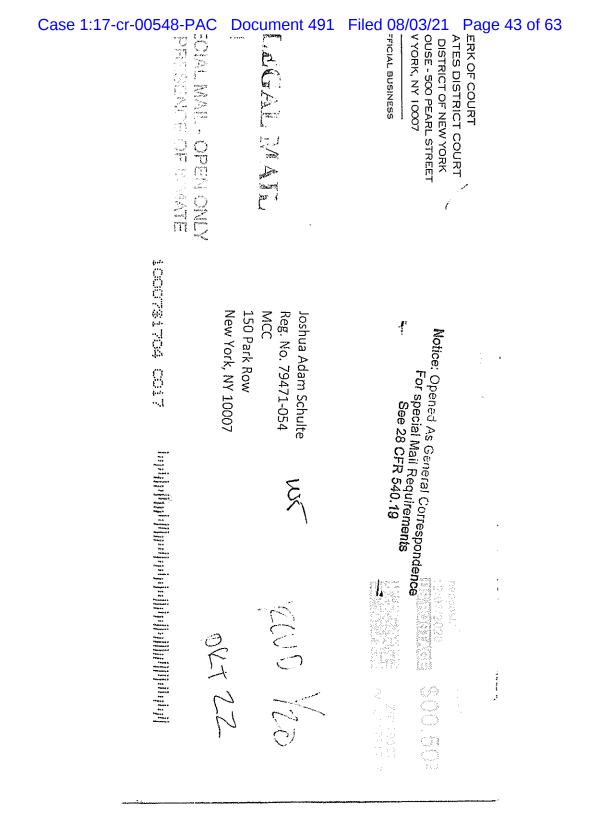


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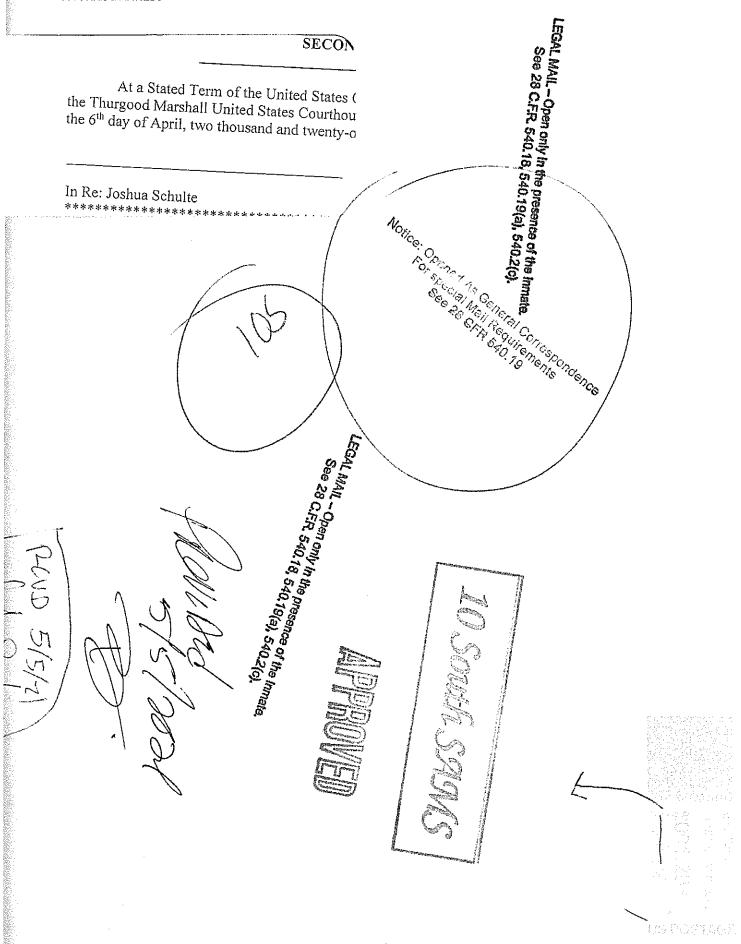


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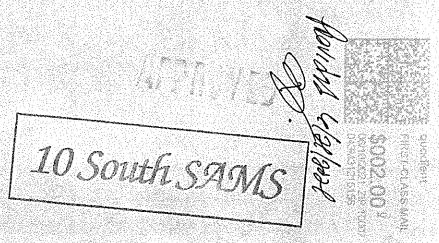
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